

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Wednesday 22 March 2017**

**Written Questions**

**(1) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Enforcement Management (Cllr Mather)**

“In view of the great concerns being expressed at the present time about plastic residues in the environment, could the Cabinet Member please give the Council an estimate of the proportion of plastic waste in Kirklees that is recycled?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(2) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to the Leader of the Council (Cllr Sheard)**

“How confident can we be that the WYCA’s commitment to “More Jobs, Better Jobs” can be carried through?”

**The Leader of the Council to respond.**

**(3) Question by Councillor Wilkinson to the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Schools (Cllr Ahmed)**

“All Hallows School in Almondbury has successfully appealed against a Cabinet decision and will be allowed to extend the age range catered for.

This outcome was a result of hard work put in by the Governors, interested parents and school staff.

My concern is for the other children in Almondbury who attend the Community School.

What is the Council doing to ensure that these children receive a good level of education?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(4) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to the Cabinet Member for Asset Strategy, Resources and Creative Kirklees (Cllr G Turner)**

“What is happening to all the artefacts in the collections at Crow Nest Park, Dewsbury and at Red House, Gomersal?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(5) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills, Transportation and Planning (Cllr McBride)**

“Has the Council’s Local Plan been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate yet, and when will we know the timetable for the public to have their say?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(6) Question by Councillor J Taylor to the Cabinet Member for Asset Strategy, Resources, Creative Kirklees (Cllr G Turner)**

“Would Cllr Turner join me in welcoming the additional funds which were made available to Kirklees Council in the Spring Budget and tell us how these funds will be used by the Council?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(7) Question by Councillor D Hall to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Enforcement Management (Cllr Mather)**

“I have a constituent who wishes to dispose of several bricks. Where do you suggest he sticks them?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(8) Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Asset Strategy, Resources, Creative Kirklees (Cllr G Turner)**

“The Almondbury Library Friends Association have recently been told that they will have to pay insurance to hold events in the library. They were encouraged to use the library by council officers. Could the Cabinet Member clear up this situation?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(9) Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Enforcement Management (Cllr Mather)**

“One of my constituents has emailed you on several occasions seeking to find out whether the council would consider allowing bags of rubble to be disposed of at council dumps for a reasonable cost. Could the Councillor please give him an answer?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(10) Question by Councillor Wilkinson to the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Activity to Improve Health (Cllr Kendrick)**

“How much additional funding did the Government allocate to Kirklees for social care in the budget? How does this compare with allocations from other Councils?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(11) Question by Councillor Marchington to the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Activity to Improve Health (Cllr Kendrick)**

“In the Council’s budget, there were cuts to voluntary and community groups that provide care for vulnerable older people. Now that there is more funding available, will the cabinet member reverse these cuts – for instance, to lunch clubs?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(12) Question by Councillor Lawson to the Cabinet Member for Asset Strategy, Resources, Creative Kirklees (Cllr G Turner)**

“As the Council has had more funding for social care that relieves the pressure on funding of other services, can Cllr Turner re-visit funding allocations in the budget so that services do not have to be cut back so viciously?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(13) Question by Councillor Light to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Neighbourhoods (Cllr Khan)**

“There are a number of areas in Kirklees which are known to have very poor air quality. What measures are the Council taking to improve these areas?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(14) Question by Councillor Light to the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Schools (Cllr Ahmed)**

“It is reported that there is a projected shortage of school places for both primary and secondary pupils in Kirklees.

Will the Cabinet member report to Council;

(a) what the shortfall of school places is projected to be for both secondary and Primary for the next five years?

(b) where in Kirklees are the highest areas of shortfall in both primary and secondary places ?

(c) what measures the Cabinet Member is going to put in place to ensure there are enough school places in Kirklees for Kirklees school children?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(15) Question by Councillor Patrick to the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Schools (Cllr Ahmed)**

“The much needed and long awaited school drop off point for Holmfirth High School at Springwood Road is now fully funded, but has once again been put back another year. The price has almost doubled in the time since the scheme was first approved some 8 years ago. Can the Cabinet member assure ward councillors and the community that this scheme will go ahead and will not continue to be put off?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(16) Question by Councillor Patrick to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Neighbourhoods (Cllr Khan)**

“Communities across Kirklees share concerns that this Council is failing to condition highway improvements when applications for large housing developments are approved. Can the Cabinet member provide reassurance that this matter will be looked into and changes made so that developers are asked to contribute towards highway improvements?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(17) Question by Councillor Burke to the Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion and Schools (Cllr Ahmed)**

“Schools across Kirklees are facing large cuts in funding, with the Department for Education due to publish details over the next few years about the potential effects of the new national funding formula and changes to how school budgets are allocated.

The funding changes are creating uncertainty for our schools, so can the Cabinet Member please provide evidence to show that the Council is being pro-active in supporting and working in partnership with our schools in order to achieve better outcomes for our local schools and children?

Furthermore, the funding allocation changes and phasing out of the Education Services Grant is likely to mean that schools in Kirklees will lose out. If this is the case, what impact will it have on our local schools in terms of school resources, class sizes and staff numbers?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**

**(18) Question by Councillor Marchington to the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills, Transportation and Planning (Cllr McBride)**

“Can the relevant Cabinet Member provide an update on progress in relation to the housing developments at Soothill and Ashbrow?”

**The Cabinet Member to respond**